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**YUKON TERRITORY**

**Summary**

**OF**

**RESIDENT**

**HUNTING & FISHING**

**REGULATIONS**

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**FIELD CARE AND  
HANDLING OF GAME**

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## SUMMARY OF RESIDENT HUNTING REGULATIONS

### BASIC LICENCE FEES

- (a) General Hunting Licence, if issued to
  - (i) An Indian or Eskimo..... FREE
  - (ii) A person over 65 years of age..... FREE
  - (iii) Any other person..... \$ 5.00
- (b) Assistant Trapper's Licence..... \$ 5.00
- (c) Licence to hunt big game and game birds, if issued to
  - (i) An Indian..... FREE
  - (ii) An Eskimo..... FREE
  - (iii) A resident over 65 years of age..... FREE
  - (iv) Any other resident..... \$ 5.00
  - (v) Replace a lost or destroyed licence..... \$ 2.50
- (d) Licence to hunt game birds, if issued to
  - (i) A resident..... \$ 4.00
- (e) All residents, except Indians and Eskimos, hunting big game are required to take out the proper seals for the desired species before they start hunting,

### SEAL FEES

- MOUNTAIN SHEEP..... \$ 5.00
- MOOSE..... \$ 3.00
- GRIZZLY BEAR..... \$10.00
- CARIBOU..... \$ 3.00
- MOUNTAIN GOAT..... \$ 3.00
- BLACK BEAR..... \$ 1.00

Replacement of seals in accordance with section 21 of the Regulations will be made upon payment of the fees specified above.

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SEASONS

<u>BIG GAME</u>	<u>OPEN SEASON</u>	<u>BAG LIMIT</u>
Bear, Black	April 15 to June 15 August 1 to October 31	1 only per licence year
Bear, Grizzly	April 15 to June 15 August 1 to October 31	1 only per licence year
Bear, Polar	October 1 to May 30	Eskimos only
Buffalo, Deer, Elk and Muskox	NO OPEN SEASON	Nil
Caribou (either sex)	August 1 to October 31	1
Holders of General Hunting Licence	August 1 to January 31	2
Moose (male only)	August 1 to October 31	1
Holders of General Hunting Licence	August 1 to November 30	2
Mountain Goat (either sex)	August 1 to October 31	1
Mountain Sheep	August 1 to October 31	1
Wolverine	August 1 to October 31	1
Wolf	NO CLOSED SEASON	No limit
<u>GAME BIRDS</u>	<u>OPEN SEASON</u>	<u>BAG LIMIT</u>
Grouse Spruce (Franklin)	September 1 to January 31	10 per day
Grouse Ruffed (Willow)	September 1 to October 31	5 per day
Grouse, Blue	September 1 to October 31	5 per day
Grouse, Sharp-tailed	September 1 to October 31	5 per day
Ptarmigan	September 1 to January 31	10 per day
Pheasant	NO OPEN SEASON	Nil
Waterfowl	See Migratory Bird Regulations	

NO PERSON SHALL ship or remove any big game or game birds from the Territory without first obtaining a permit to do so.

ANY PERSON NOT being the holder of a valid hunting licence, shall keep firearms securely stowed in his motor vehicle, boat or trailer while in the Yukon Territory.

NON-RESIDENTS hunting big game must book hunts through a registered outfitter and be accompanied by a licenced guide.

EXCEPT AS authorized by the Game Ordinance or Regulations, no person other than an Indian, an Eskimo or the holder of a non-resident big game hunting licence shall hunt sheep, grizzly bear, black bear, moose, caribou or goat unless he is in possession of a valid seal authorizing him to do so.

NO SEAL IS VALID after the 30th day of June next following its issuance.

NO SEAL SHALL BE sold, transferred or assigned without the consent of the Director of Game.

EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED by the Game Ordinance or Regulations, every person who takes or kills a big game animal under authority of a licence shall immediately upon such taking or killing thereof affix and permanently lock a seal to a recognizable portion of the animal and retain such portion.

EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED by the Game Ordinance or Regulations, no person shall remove a seal from the carcass or pelt of a big game animal until the carcass or pelt is at the owner's place of residence.

EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED by the Game Ordinance or Regulations, no person shall export the pelt of ANY BEAR without the appropriate seal securely affixed.

NO PERSON SHALL USE or attempt to use any seal which has been previously used and any such seal shall no longer be valid for any purpose.

NO PERSON SHALL USE or attempt to use any seal which has been tampered with, mutilated, covered, or treated in any way which might enable it to be used more than once for the purpose of hunting and any such seal shall no longer be valid for any purpose.

EVERY PERSON SHALL, within 15 days after taking or killing a big game animal for which a seal has been supplied or within 15 days after the close of the season for that animal, complete and forward to the Director of Game a report in the prescribed form.

NO PERSON SHALL knowingly use the licence, seal or certificate of registration of another person.

FIREARMS FOR BIG GAME

Section 8 (1) No person shall, for the purpose of hunting big game, use

- (a) a firearm other than
  - (i) a non-automatic rifle of .24 calibre or larger, or
  - (ii) a shotgun; or
- (b) a full metal cased or jacketed non-expanding bullet or ball commonly known as "service ammunition", or a bullet commonly known as "tracer".

(2) No person shall

- (a) discharge a firearm from a vehicle,
- (b) have in or on a vehicle, any firearm in which there is a live bullet or cartridge either in the magazine or firing chamber, or
- (c) operate a vehicle at any time in any manner intended or reasonably to be expected to harass, drive or pursue any game or other animal wild by nature.

GAME BIRDS AND OTHERS PROTECTED

EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED by this Ordinance, no person shall hunt, take, wound or kill or have in his possession any game birds or other birds that are wild by nature or molest, injure, destroy or take the nests, or eggs of any such birds.

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BOW AND ARROW hunters are classed the same as those using firearms.

NO PERSON under the age of 14 years is eligible for any licence.

NO PERSON under the age of 16 years shall hunt unless accompanied by a person over 21 years who holds a valid licence.

EVERY LICENCE holder must return that licence to a game guardian along with the accompanying affidavit before leaving the Territory.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO

DISCHARGE a firearm on or across the maintained portion of a public road or highway, or from a motor vehicle.

CARRY any firearm containing live ammunition in a motor vehicle.

HUNT GAME within game sanctuary.

USE a fixed-wing aircraft in hunting except for transporting to and from base camps.

HUNT, transport big game or hunters by helicopter.

SHOOT AT, wound or kill any big game while it is swimming.

ABANDON or allow to spoil or use as bait any portion of a game animal that is suitable for human food.

PROTECTED GAME

A MOOSE of the female sex;

A MOOSE of the male sex having unforked antlers.

A MOUNTAIN SHEEP of the female sex.

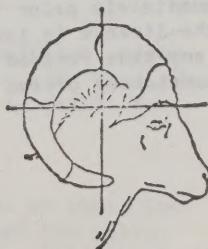
A MOUNTAIN SHEEP (3/4 curl horn) a horn the tip of which has not grown through 270 degrees of the circle described by the outer surface of the horn, as seen from the side.

A MOUNTAIN GOAT of either sex having a horn less than 5 inches in length measured along the outer curvature.

A CARIBOU of either sex having unforked antlers.

ALL ELK, Bison, Deer and Muskox.

BEAR CUBS and FEMALE BEARS accompanied by a cub or cubs.



PREDATORY ANIMALS

Wolves, Coyote and cougar may be shot at any time.

RESIDENT

Section 2 (4) Where in this Ordinance reference is made to a resident in relation to a licence, "resident" means

- (a) A Canadian citizen or British subject who has
  - (i) resided in the Territory for SIX MONTHS immediately prior to the day on which the licence is issued, or
  - (ii) resided in the Territory for THIRTY DAYS immediately prior to the day on which the licence is issued if he has at any time resided in the Territory for a continuous period of at least six months; or
- (b) A person other than a Canadian citizen or British subject who has
  - (i) resided in the Territory for TWO YEARS immediately prior to the day on which the licence is issued, or
  - (ii) resided in the Territory for THIRTY DAYS immediately prior to the day on which the licence is issued, if he has at any time resided in the Territory for a continuous period of at least two years.

## CARE AND HANDLING OF GAME

### FIELD DRESSING BIG GAME

#### Step 1 -

Find a slight hill if possible, (on flat land, a bush will work) lay the animal on its back with the head downhill. Make first cut around vent, using a knife with a long blade, and cut so that the blade of the knife is scraping around the inside of the pelvis - by doing this it releases the organs in the pelvis so they will come out when the intestines are removed.



#### Step 2 -

Continue cutting up from the vent around the side of the testicles and the penis, being careful not to cut into the stomach wall.



#### Step 3 -

Take hold of the penis and testicles and cut them away from between the legs down to the vent. If you intend to mount the animal life size, these must be skinned out.

#### Step 4 -

Still holding the testicles, sever them off at the vent. Cut straight line through muscle to pelvic bone.

#### Step 5 -

This step is optional at this time. Carefully chop through the pelvic bone with a hand axe. This opens up the pelvis area for easier cleaning. If you don't have an axe, the organs inside the pelvis, if first cut loose from the vent, may be pulled through from the inside when removing the intestines.



Step 6 -

Use a sharp knife and cut skin only, being very careful not to cut into the stomach wall to indicated line only.

Step 7 -

Skin the entire brisket, also the part of the belly indicated. This will keep the hair out of the meat and is necessary to preform Step 8. Then cut through the stomach wall to the start of the chest cavity. At this time make a small incision and pull out the organs from the rectum or pelvis area.



Step 8 -

When this is done, turn the animal around so that the head is now uphill. The intestines will then be out of your way to work on the chest cavity.



Step 9 -

With a knife (a saw or axe must be used on animals larger than an elk) straddle the animal, and with an upward ripping motion using both hands, cut on dotted lines. Remove the entire brisket plate.

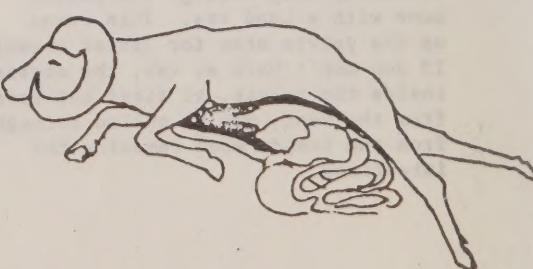
Step 10 -

Now the diaphragm is clearly visible and accessible - cut it loose from the chest cavity - reach up as far as possible in the neck and sever the windpipe. Take out the heart and liver at this time, if you intend to save them, and just pull all of the intestines out. Now if you have not done so, and have a hand axe, this is the best time to cut the pelvic bone and do any additional cleaning.



Step 11 -

Move the animal away and prop up on a bush or hill, preferably in a shady area to cool. It is a good idea to cover the entire cavity with a very light cheese cloth or netting to keep flies away.



Step 12 -

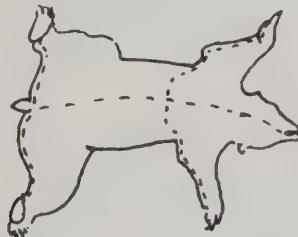
If there is a place to hang and bag the animal, prop chest cavity open with a stick or two and hang the head by the horns or front legs to allow additional bleeding. Do not wash body cavity out with water. Wipe cavity out with clean cloth.



Step 13 -

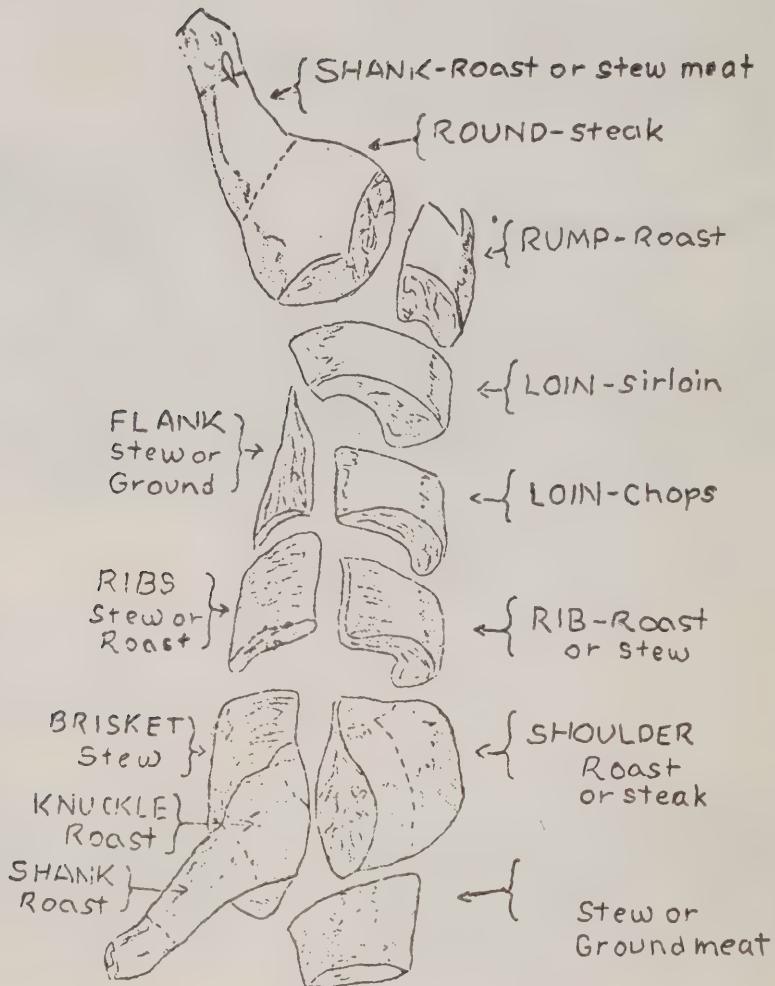
When you are ready to skin, hang from the two hind legs.

TO SKIN, make cuts as shown. It is not necessary to hang the animal up to skin, for it can be done just about as easily lying on the ground. If you wish to hoist it up, some simple methods are shown in diagrams. When cleaning the animal, avoid cutting into the entrails since the contents may taint the meat. Also avoid getting hair on the meat. Avoid getting sticks, leaves, grass or dirt on freshly skinned carcass since it is difficult to clean later.



If you plan to have the head mounted, do not make any cuts on the throat. Bleed the animal by sticking into heart behind the foreleg. Diagram shows proper cuts when taking off head skin for mounting. Leave plenty of skin over shoulders and down on chest so taxidermist can do a good job. If to be mounted, clean fat and flesh....particularly fat....off the hide and salt it to preserve. Do not cut holes in skin.





THE TRUE SPORTSMAN

"He's a real sportsman" is the finest tribute than can be paid to an outdoorsman. Not only does the true sportsman....hunter enjoy the thrill of the hunt; he respects the rights and safety of others he realizes that nature's bounties are his to enjoy....not destroy.... he obeys the game laws.

In hot weather open gullet, and hang carcass so air can circulate. In fly time cover with cheesecloth to keep insects off. Some hunters use black pepper to discourage blowflies.

**BUTCHERING:** Simplest method of cutting up carcass is to dismember shoulders (no connection between the bones) and do the same with the haunches, dismembering the joints at the hip socket. Saw through brisket. Saw down backbone from tail to neck. For a really workmanlike job, you can cut up the carcass using for your guidance the named cuts shown in the diagram. Chuck for pot or shoulder roast. Ribs, roast or barbecue. Loin, T-bone steaks or sirloin. Rump, round and sirloin tip, steaks or roasts. Wrap, mark, and put away surplus in locker or deepfreeze.

**CARING FOR WILD MEAT:** Meat is best when hung for a few days before being allowed to freeze, but should be cooled off as soon as possible. Incidentally, the worst way to treat good meat is to drape a carcass over the fender of a hot car exposed to broiling sun, sand and dust during a 200 or 300 mile drive back to the city. The flavour of meat depends on the care you give it. Look up a good cook book for instructions to prepare and serve.

**BE FAMILIAR** with game laws for the Territory. The game laws are not regulations made up to spoil your fun; every citizen of this Territory holds equal rights in the game that inhabits it; the game laws are regulations produced after long study and intended to give each and all of us a chance to harvest an annual crop of game and still leave ample reserves for the enjoyment of the generations to come after us.

If you wish more detailed information on the game laws for the Yukon, write to the Director of Game, P.O. Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

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SUMMARY OF ANGLING REGULATIONS - YUKON TERRITORY

PROHIBITIONS

Trout of all kinds and grayling under 8 inches in length must be returned to the water unharmed.

Except when fly fishing any gear designed to catch more than one fish at a time is prohibited.

No person shall have in his possession more than three days' catch limit of fish.

GUIDES

Guides are not compulsory but it is advisable to hire a competent guide when fishing unfamiliar waters.

LICENCES

1. Resident (Canadian).....\$ 3.00
2. Non-Resident (Short Term) Five consecutive days.....\$ 3.50
3. Non-Resident (Full Term).....\$10.00

All persons 16 years of age or over must procure a licence.

Licences may be procured from a number of lodges along the Alaska Highway in the Yukon Territory, in all cities or towns, and from the Game Branch, Glenlyon Building, 302 Steele Street, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Write for information to Game Branch, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

OPEN SEASONS (all dates inclusive)

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>SEASONS</u>	<u>DAILY BAG LIMIT</u>
Arctic Grayling	No closed seasons for sport fishing	10
Lake Trout		5
Dolly Varden		5
Kokanee (landlocked salmon)		5
Cutthroat Trout		5
Rainbow Trout		5
Steelhead		2
Spring (King, Chinook salmon))		2 in aggregate
Coho salmon )		
Northern Pike		20
Arctic Char		5

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